

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether more than 80% of the road accidents are because of the fault of driver of Motor Vehicles;
- (b) if so, the steps taken to check such accidents on National Highways;
- (c) whether the Government propose to provide free insurance cover to passengers travelling on National Highways; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MINISTER GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI)

(a): Yes Sir.

(b) : Some of the important steps being taken by the Government besides highway design to check the road accidents in the country are as under:

- (1) Assistance for setting up of Driving Training Schools.
- (2) Provision of refresher training to drivers of heavy motor vehicles.
- (3) Publicity campaign on road safety awareness through audio-visual-print media.
- (4) Grants-in-aid to voluntary organizations for administering road safety programmes.
- (5) Encouraging use of simulators in driver's training.
- (6) Institution of National Award for voluntary organizations/individuals for outstanding work in the field of road safety.
- (7) Organising All India Essay Competition on road safety for school children with a view to create awareness.
- (8) Tightening of fitness norms for transport vehicles.
- (9) Widening /improvement of roads. etc.

(c) & (d) : All motor vehicles travelling on public roads are required to have insurance. As such insurance cover is already available to passengers travelling on National Highways.